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Chair: Mr. León González (Vice-Chair) ..... (Cuba)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.10 p.m.

Adoption of the agenda

1. *The agenda was adopted.*

Pacific regional seminar (A/AC.109/2012/17)

2. **The Chair** recalled that the Government of Ecuador had offered to host the Pacific regional seminar in Quito, Ecuador, from 30 May to 1 June 2012. As in the past, the Committee would also celebrate the Week of Solidarity with the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories at the seminar. If there was no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to proceed accordingly.

3. *It was so decided.*

Composition of the official delegation of the Special Committee

4. **The Chair** recalled that the Committee's official delegation to the seminar would comprise the Bureau members plus one Committee member from each regional group represented on the Committee. The Group of Eastern European Countries would, of course, be represented by the Russian Federation as its only member; Nicaragua had been nominated to represent the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States. Consultations with the Group of African States, the Group of Asia-Pacific States were still under way. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of the official delegation of the Committee to the seminar.

Extension of invitations to experts and organizations

5. **The Chair** said that the Bureau had decided to suggest that invitations to attend the seminar should be extended to the selected experts and non governmental organizations. The list had been reviewed by the Bureau and circulated to all members of the Committee. He requested the Committee's authorization to finalize the list of experts and organizations to be invited to the seminar.

6. He took it that the Committee wished to authorize the Chair to finalize the list of experts and organizations invited to the seminar.

7. *It was so decided.*

8. **The Chair** said that, in accordance with the established practice of the Committee, invitations to the seminar would also be extended to all elected and appointed officials of the Non-Self-Governing Territories, as well as to States not members of the Committee, administering Powers, specialized agencies within the United Nations system and some regional organizations. The United Nations would bear the travel costs of three experts, three non-governmental organizations and representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories, but not those of representatives of States not members of the Committee, administering Powers, or intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and other experts who might wish to attend.

Guidelines, rules of procedure and agenda of the seminar

9. **The Chair** drew attention to the guidelines and rules of procedure for the seminar, as contained in document A/AC.109/2012/17. The text was basically the same as in previous years, except for the venue, dates and languages used by the seminar, English and Spanish, to reflect the fact that it was being held in a Spanish-speaking country.

10. He took it that the Committee wished to approve the guidelines and rules of procedure and agenda of the seminar.

11. *It was so decided.*

The meeting rose at 3.30 p.m.